

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:420
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2001
DELHI METRO RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `metrorail all smiles as Japan loosens purse strings` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated October 28, 2001;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the MRTS will push ahead with an additional 22 KM-Dwarka-Connaught Place link in the first phase;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which MRTS will be benefited after lifting the economic sanctions by the Japan against India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

- (a)&(b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): The Dwarka-Connaught Place link has not been approved by the Union Government in the first phase of the Delhi MRTS project.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): The imposition of economic sanctions by Japan against India did not affect the Delhi MRTS Project. Therefore, lifting of economic sanctions by Japan against India will not make any difference.